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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM

: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

: Anti-U.S. Propaganda

- 1. The DCI and I wish to ensure that sufficient attention is being given to assessing the scope and nature of the Soviet propaganda effort against the U.S. and the extent to which other foreign propaganda is organized, supported, directed or coordinated by the USSR and other forces or governments hostile to the U.S. We also are concerned that our knowledge and understanding of propaganda efforts directed against the U.S. and its interests by countries without any links to the USSR in this arena may not be adequate. Accordingly, I would like for the DDO and FBIS to prepare, in collaboration with appropriate elements of NFAC, a short paper addressing the Agency's assets and weaknesses in assessing the foreign propaganda effort against the U.S. along the above-stated lines and in what form our analysis in this area reaches policy agencies. I would appreciate having this paper by 27 March.
- 2. We also are interested in the Agency's current substantive assessment of these questions. Would you prepare, again with NFAC, a brief analysis that would include:
 - -- a description of the Soviet propaganda effort directed against the United States;
 - -- the extent to which the USSR organizes, supports, directs or coordinates the propaganda efforts of other nations;
 - -- the scope and nature of propaganda directed against the U.S. or its interests by countries independent of the Soviet Union in this arena.

I would like this assessment by 8 April.	
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	B. R. INMAN
•	Admiral, U.S. Navy
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